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Applicant(s) Seishi Ejiri

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For: DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to the examination on the merits, please ~~amend~~ the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ~~amend~~ the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first line, ~~insert~~ - This application is a divisional of co-

pending application Serial No. 08/733,493 filed October 18, 1996. ~~to~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~CANCEL~~ claims 1-17, without prejudice.

Please add ~~NEW~~ claims 18-54 as follows:

18. (New) A data processing apparatus which performs a data process via
a local area network (LAN) and a communication line other than the LAN, comprising:
reception means for receiving data designated to a plurality of
receivers, from a transmission side via the communication line;